Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: I cannot give the details now.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is the Government aware of any advice that has not been respected?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

COCHIN HARBOUR—FOURTH STAGE WORK—PROGRESS OF.

68. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

how far has the fourth stage of the Harbour work progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: The hon'ble member's attention is drawn to para 7 of the Diwan's opening speech in the Council on 14th July 1938.

ARABIC LECTURER—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—APPOINTMENT OF.

69. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether an Arabic Lecturer has been appointed in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(*b*) the number of Muslim students studying in the College classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) 31.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member kindly inform the House whether the time has not come for the appointment of an Arabic Lecturer in the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: The very fact that the Government have not yet considered it itself shows that the time has not arrived.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: In as much as the number of Muslim students is as large as 31, does not the hon'ble member think that it should show some more sympathy than was done in the previous answers in this House when this question was raised?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is absolutely no want of sympathy. The hon'ble member says the number of Muslim students is as large as 31. Government believe it is as small as 31 for making an appointment which affects not only the revenues of the State but also on the pension. In the second place, Sir, for the information of the hon'ble member, I may say that similar requests have been received from other communities. For instance there are High Schools in Cochin which teach Tamil and quite a large number of students who ought to have

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